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DOCS Rx: A World of Documentaries on Global Health

THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT

China

Ruby Yang

DOCS RX SPOTLIGHT EVENT

Little is known about the film's main character, Gau Jun, not even his age. Indeed, he does not even speak a word until the closing minutes of the film. Yet the AIDS orphan's search for a home to call his own forms the dramatic center of this stunning documentary set in rural China.

The film will be followed by a discussion with an esteemed panel of experts who will focus on the global fight against AIDS, the scientific future of the vaccine and AIDS treatments, the use of media to raise awareness about the epidemic, and the impact of AIDS' efforts on the eradication of other prevalent and neglected diseases around the world. World Premiere.

Wednesday, June 14th, 7:00 p.m.

THE DEVIL'S WATER

France/Bangladesh/India

Amirul Arham Sheikh

In Bangladesh and India, 75 million people have been contaminated by arsenic contained in the water they unwittingly drank every day for years. Through the personal accounts of village residents, this striking film unveils a cautionary tale of the good intentions of aid agencies gone terribly awry. North American Premiere.

Wednesday, June 14th, 5:30 p.m.

MEMORY FOR MAX, CLAIRE, IDA AND COMPANY

Canada

Allan King

Who do we become as we lose our memory? Meet Max, Claire, and Ida in their slightly off-beat and yet challenging existence on an Alzheimer's ward. Veteran director Allan King provides an intimate, illuminating, and often unexpected look at a small band of Jewish elders as they come to grips with and find comfort in their adopted home. Washington, DC Premiere.

Thursday, June 15th, 4:00 p.m.

A CERTAIN KIND OF BEAUTY USA

Elizabeth Witham, Nancy Aronie

Before being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis at age 22, Dan Aronie was an aspiring actor - handsome, strong-willed, able-bodied. His story is intimately captured over a six-year period and reveals the transformation of a man who is no longer built like a rock, but whose heart could move a mountain. World Premiere.

Thursday, June 15th, 7:15 p.m.

BEFORE FLYING BACK TO THE EARTH

Lithuania

Arunas Matelis

A moving and poetic glimpse into the lives of children living with leukemia at Vilnius Pediatrics Hospital in Lithuania. As parents cope with their children being sick, the children begin a new life with friends, games, and even love in the hospital. North American Premiere.

Friday, June 16th, 4:00 p.m.

THE VOYAGE OF THE WOMEN OF ZARALE

France/Afghanistan

Claude Mourieras

Set against the striking vistas of Afghanistan, Burka-cloaked women walk for hours to reach a health clinic for treatment for their tuberculosis. As the women fight for their lives, the medical tent provides a crucible for the clash between traditional culture, modern ideas and western medicine. US Premiere.

Saturday, June 17th, 1:00 p.m.

THE BREAST CANCER DIARIES USA

Linda Pattillo

The BREAST CANCER DIARIES is an intimate, unvarnished first-person account of a young mother's nine-month journey with breast cancer, punctuated with humor, poignancy and romance. Diagnosed with breast cancer at age 38, Ann Murray Paige sets up a video camera in her bedroom, resulting in a memoir of a life turned sideways. World Premiere.

Preceded by The DOCS Rx Community Breast Cancer Diary

Saturday, June 17th, 2:30 p.m.

PERSPECTLEJIA

Chile

David Albala

PERSPECTLEJIA is the story of what happens when life gets in the way of a film director. Chilean filmmaker David Albala becomes a paraplegic in a traffic accident and is unwittingly transformed into a narrator and protagonist in a journey to discover how life can be remade from a wheelchair. North American Premiere.

Sunday, June 18th, 3:30 p.m.

Advance purchase recommended. BUY NOW at 877.DOCS.TIX, Noon - 8 p.m. daily, or SILVERDOCS.com

Box Office Hours: June 13 - 18 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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